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Mr. Robert Daugherty, Jr.  
621 33rd Street  
Clifton, CO 81520

Dear Mr. Daugherty:

Enclosed you will find the forms to be filed with this agency so that you can achieve compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

As you discussed with Mr. Brian Buck of this office, there are two (2) basic classes of filing: the regular "Notice of Intent and Reclamation Plan", which requires forms MR-1 & MR-2 to be completed and approved by this office; and a Declaration of Exemption (DOE) a form MR-4 on which you declare yourself exempt from the Act.

Atlas Minerals has submitted to this office the completed forms MR-1 and MR-2 for surface mining at the Cactus Rat Mine. At this time the Division is not prepared to accept a D.O.E. filing for the Cactus Rat Mine since disturbance in the next 12 months obviously will constitute a mining effort.

If during the field inspection of the mine you and Atlas can demonstrate that your proposed development work under a D.O.E. will be in previously disturbed area, and will not commit the operation to one specific mining method then it would be allowed. No work will be allowed until the field inspection is made.

A tentative date for the field inspection is Thursday, the 19th of January. Let us know if this date is acceptable.

Sincerely,

RONALD W. DANIELS  
COORDINATOR OF MINED  
LAND DEVELOPMENT

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